

**Response to Planning Applications, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

**Under powers delegated to me by Bruton Town Council Business Continuity Motion 19/71 of 21st March 2020, and after consulting the Chair and Members of the Town Council's Planning Committee, I have reported as follows to the Local Planning Authority in respect of two recent Planning applications:**

**i. 25/02934/LBC Sexeys Hospital, High Street, Bruton BA10 0AS**

Re-roofing of Chapel Range to also include structural roof member repairs, introduction of eaves ventilation, introduction of loft service access walkway, upgrade of loft insulation, ceiling repairs, repair work to the bell and bellcote on east gable, and minor repointing to gable copings and high-level rubble masonry.

The Town Council lacks the expertise to assess the technical merits of the proposed development, but it is confident that the LPA's Conservation service and Historic England would not countenance anything that might cause harm to the building. The Council is also reassured by the consistently high quality of past remedial and other works at Sexey's Hospital.

**I therefore recommend APPROVAL of this application, so long as Somerset Council's Conservation Officer and Historic England agree that the proposed works are appropriate and proportionate, and will not materially compromise the fabric or setting of the Grade I Listed Building.**

**ii. 25/02842/FUL White House Farm, Wyke Road, Wyke Champflower, Bruton, Somerset BA10 0PU**

The installation of a new Anoxic Zone and Daf Plant. Install Anoxic Tank, erect building to house Daf effluent treatment equipment and install bunding throughout.

The Town Council lacks the expertise to assess the technical merits of the proposed Anoxic Tank or effluent treatment equipment, but it is confident that Somerset Council's Environmental Health service and the relevant specialist statutory consultees would not countenance any development likely to pollute the natural environment or compromise residential amenity by spilling noxious waste, spreading noisome stench or emitting disturbing sounds. The Council is reassured to learn that the proposed development lies within the bounds of the existing factory infrastructure, and that the peripheral boundary trees and hedges would not be disturbed.

**I therefore recommend APPROVAL of this application, so long as the Environment Agency, Natural England and Somerset Council's Environmental Health Department are confident that the proposed development would not cause material environmental harm, or compromise the residential amenity of nearby dwellings in Bruton parish or neighbouring parishes.**